

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document forgery protection printing method, comprising:
processing an image of a document;
5 determining forgery protection requirements for the document to be printed;
determining a protection level to be applied to the document based on the determined forgery protection requirements;
selecting a printer from a plurality of printers that can print the
10 document; and
based on the determined protection level, printing at least one watermark on the document that corresponds to the determined protection level using the selected printer.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the forgery protection
15 requirements includes displaying information about forgery techniques.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein displaying information further includes displaying information about forgery techniques each protection level is able to at least one of detect and deter.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the forgery protection
20 requirements includes collecting information about the document.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the protection level includes identifying at least one of a creator of the document, a person entering a command to print the document, and an image processor that processes the image of the document.
- 25 6. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the protection level includes reviewing contents of the document.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising querying the plurality of printers to determine the protection level each printer can apply to the document.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising setting printing parameters
30 on the selected printer to apply the determined protection level to the document.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the protection level includes at least one of assigning and selecting the protection level by at least one of a creator of the document and a person entering a command to print the document.

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10. A document forgery protection printing system, comprising:
at least one server having a print management system and a policy that
determines a forgery protection level for the document;

5 at least one image processor that processes an image of the document;
a plurality of printers, each printer able to print the document and able
to apply at least one protection level to the document by printing at least one
watermark on the document that corresponds to the determined protection level.

11. The document forgery protection printing system of claim 10, further
comprising a display device, at least one of the server and one of the at least one
10 image processors driving the display device to display information about forgery
techniques.

12. The document forgery protection printing system of claim 11, wherein
the displayed information includes information about forgery techniques each
protection level is able to at least one of detect and deter.

13. The document forgery protection printing system of claim 10, wherein
the policy determines the protection level for the document based on information
collected from at least one of a creator of the document and a person entering a
command to print the document.

14. The document forgery protection printing system of claim 10, wherein
20 the policy determines the protection level based on at least one of a creator of the
document, a person entering a command to print the document, and an image
processor that processes the image of the document.

15. The document forgery protection printing system of claim 10, wherein
the policy determines the protection level based on contents of the document.

25 16. The document forgery protection printing system of claim 10, wherein
the policy determines the protection level based at least in part on a protection level
assigned to the document.

17. The document forgery protection printing system of claim 10, wherein
the server sets printing parameters for the selected printer selected to apply the
30 determined protection level to the document.

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